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"I've lived in Concord all my life – so did my parents and grandparents. My income is flat, I don't qualify for any exemptions, and I'd be fine except for my real estate taxes. Without help from the Hugh Cargill fund, I'd have to leave Concord, my church, this place I love."

- 77-year-old resident, name withheld

Dear Friends and Citizens of Concord,

This is the fourth year citizens of Concord have voluntarily contributed to help fellow Concordians (many long term residents) who can't keep up with the demands of our growing municipal budgets. Last year, fifty-one Concord families and households received crucial help in paying their real estate taxes from a special fund administered by the Hugh Cargill Committee. Some needed help every quarter, others just once or twice. Funds to support this effort were contributed by families like yours, in contributions ranging from \$5 to \$10,000.

Unfortunately, requests for help from the special tax relief fund have increased this year, and we hope therefore to broaden the pool of donors so that no citizen who truly needs help is turned away.

We realize that Concordians routinely contribute generously to the wide range of non-profit organizations that are a vital part of the fabric of our community, and we want to make sure that this appeal does not detract from these well-established and important patterns of giving. But if your circumstances permit, and you are able to make a gift this year to the tax relief fund or to increase your last year's gift, please know that it will play an important part in easing the financial burdens felt by many long term residents who would like to remain in the town they love. As in the past, all funds will be distributed by the Hugh Cargill Committee, which has long experience in acting confidentially. If you wish the committee to use your gift for purposes other than tax relief, you may so designate on the return envelope.

We thank you for whatever you are able to contribute, and wish you a happy and peaceful holiday season.

For the Board of Selectmen,

Stanly E. Black, Chair

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P.S.

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